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1. MISSION OFFICERS HAVE INFORMED CONCERNED GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NAVY OFFICIALS OF REMOVAL OF THE THREE DESTROYER ESCORTS FROM NAPLES, DRAWING ON APPROPRIATE MATERIAL IN REFS B AND C.

2. CHIEF OF MINISTRY' S NATO OFFICE (DA RIN) SAID THAT WHILE HE HIMSELF COULD NOT COMMENT FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW,
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HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR OUR DESCRIPTION OF THE INCREASED ASW CAPABILITY TO BE AFFORDED BY THE SUBMARINES AND PG' S WHICH ARE TO REPLACE THE HOMEPORTED DE' S. HE SAID HE ALSO TOOK NOTE OT THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO COMMITTING THE NEW NAVAL FORCES TO SACEUR, WHICH HE FOUND REASSURING.

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3. BOTH DA RIN AND DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT SENSI, TO WHOM DCM ALSO MENTIONED OUR INTENTIONS, ASKED WHERE THE SUBMARINES AND PG' S WOULD BE HOMEPORTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE IN PARA 2, REF D, THAT THE NAVY CURRENTLY DOES NOT PLAN TO HOMEPORT OTHER DESTROYER- TYPE SHIPS IN NAPLES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PROVIDED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH ANSWER TO ITALIANS' QUESTION, AS WELL AS WITH ANY OTHER HOMEPORTING PLANS NAVY MAY HAVE FOR NAPLES, TO AID IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE. VOLPE

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